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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b><br><br><b>Title: <u>Reissue of Tano Patent No. 5,921,998</u></b> |  | <b>Serial No.</b>                             | 09/761,915 <i>3131</i> |
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION TO PUT APPLICATION**

**IN BETTER FORM FOR APPEAL**

The following amendments are made to the claims of the application, amending objected to claim 28 into independent form, and amending claims 29-33 to depend from amended claim 28, to put the claims into condition for allowance and to simplify issues for Appeal.